

Welcome to JLS Middle School
School Year 2019-2020
480 E. Meadow Drive. Palo Alto, CA 94306
Main Office (650) 856-5188 / <http://jls.pausd.org>

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Frequently Asked Questions from Parents
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1) How do I report my student school absence, or that my student is coming late to school or you have to pick him up early from school?

Phone: (650) 856-5179 or email to jlsattendance@pausd.org

Only parents or guardians may report the absence. Your email has to originate from your email address registered in *Infinite Campus*. It is the responsibility of the student to make up for classwork, quizzes, and tests. If your student will be missing school for more than three days, there is a form that needs to be complete by parents, student and teachers, and return to the main office.

2) Do teachers take attendance and mark student tardiness in each class?

Students take a total of 7 classes, each class four times a week. If an absence is not excused, you will get a phone call home reporting the absence. Teachers also mark if students arrive late to class. School minimum day dismissal is at 12:20 pm.

School Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:15 am- 3:05 pm
Wednesday: 8:15 am-1:45 pm

3) What are the best sources to know what is happening at JLS, PAUSD, and community?

- a) **JLS website:** <http://www.jls.pausd.org/> Staff names, calendar of events, academic programs, campus life, library, school year calendar, Schoology, and Infinite Campus logins .
- b) **JLS PTAE News** [PTAE News](#) sends an email every Monday to all parents with relevant events about JLS, the school district, and our community.
- c) **Palo Alto School District Website:** <https://www.pausd.org>

4) Who can I talk to if I am worried about my student's grades, and/or behavior?

Send an email or make an appointment to talk to your child's academic counselors. They are the best link among teachers, assistant principals, your child, and parents.

Ko Vue / 6th grade. Tel. (650) 856-5175. kvue@pausd.org

Ellie Messinger-Adams / 7^o grade. Tel. (650) 856-5174. emessinger@pausd.org

Arvind Arya / 8th grade. Tel. (650) 856-5129. aarya@pausd.org

JLS assistant principals deal with students' tardiness and other school issues:

Adam Nelson / 6th grade/ Tel. (650) 856-5180. anelson@pausd.org

Sid Haro / 7th grade; Tel. (650) 856-5181. sharo@pausd.org

Amy Sheward / 8th grade; Tel. (650) 856-5186. asheward@pausd.org

5) How can I find out about my child's homework, projects, and grades?

a) **Schoology** <https://www.schoology.com/> / This is the best way to check daily homework and grades. Parents and students have their own accounts.

b) **Infinite Campus:** [link](#) Parents and students have their own accounts. You can check quarter grades, tardiness, and attendance.

Note: If you have problems with your *Schoology* or *Infinite Campus* accounts, send an email to infinitecampus@pausd.org

c) Students write their homework in a notebook called the "**Binder Reminder.**"

6) Where can my student work and get help with homework at school?

The JLS library (*Homework Habitat*) is open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:15-4:30 pm.

There are school staff who oversee and help students with their homework. Textbooks, books assigned for projects and/or reports, computers, and a printer are available there. There is a school bus leaving to East Palo (VTP) at 4:30 pm.

Outside JLS:

Mitchell Park Community Center/ The Drop-Teen Center/ link. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 3 to 5:30 pm, and Wednesdays from 2-5:30 pm. Tel. (650) 329-2478.

Dream Catchers: <https://www.dreamcatchersyouth.org>. Stanford and Palo Alto high school students offer individual tutoring, two sessions, two hours each day from Monday to Thursday from 4- 6 pm or 6-8 pm. Tutoring takes place at Palo Alto High School. Contact Micaela Flores micaela@dreamcatchersyouth.org Tel. (650) 561-2135. **Note:** currently the program is full, but you are welcome to fill an application and be on the waiting list.

7) Is there a sports program at JLS after school?

There is an after school athletic program that it is run by the city of Palo Alto. You received a blue registration form in your school packet at the beginning of the school year, but you can also find them in the JLS main office and the community center in Mitchell Park. There are two ways to register:

a) By Internet: Click here [sports](#).

b) Visit the Mitchell Park Community Center. 3700 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Athletic Director: *Kevin Virrey*, kevin.virrey@cityofpaloalto.org. Tel (650)333 8039 (after 2: 30 pm) o (510) 303 3944

Sports: flag football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, tennis, track field, and wrestling. There are leagues for boys and girls.

8) How do students/parents buy brunch (\$3), lunch (\$4) in the cafeteria, and snacks in the school store?

Students can bring money to the cafeteria. Parents can bring cash or a check to the main office, or do it online with a credit card. Visit <https://www.pausd.org/student-services/meal-plans/> Visit the same link to get more information and eligibility for Free and Reduce (F&R) lunch. Snacks at the school store do not qualify for the F &R lunch.

9) Where can adults find classes to learn English, computer skills, parenting skills, how to get involve in your children education at PAUSD, and more?

Palo Alto Adult School. <http://paadultschool.org>. Tel. (650) 329-3752 or visit the Palo Alto Adult Office located at Embarcadero # 50 (Tower building), Room # 8.

10) Do parents have to update their data in Infinite Campus every school year (ADU)?

Yes, parents have to do it every year. The link is:

<https://pausdca.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/paloalto.jsp>

If you need help with your account, send an email to infinitecampus@pausd.org, or call Carmen Robles at (650) 329-3796 at the District office.

11) Information about Palo Alto Unified School District Summer Classes:

<https://www.pausd.org/programs/summer-school>. Tel. (650) 329-3752. Summer School office: Embarcadero # 50 (Tower Building), Room #8.